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MEMORANDUM TO EDITORS

Attached is a release on the appointment of Julius W. Becton Jr. as director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Because of the impact Mr. Becton and the agency have on all your readers, we thought you might be interested in something about him and his responsibilities.

If you wish further information or a photograph, please call me at (202) 646-4600.

Sincerely.

Peg/Maloy

Acting Director

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BECTON SWORN IN AS FEMA'S DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON--Julius W. Becton, Jr., a Pennsylvanian who rose through the U.S. Army ranks from private to three-star general, has been sworn in as director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

He replaces Louis O. Giuffrida who resigned October 31, 1985.

Becton, 59, assumed the FEMA position following almost three years as director of the Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). He took that post in 1983 after a 40-year military career.

As director of FEMA, he will be responsible for establishing federal policies for emergency preparedness and directing non-military planning and readiness programs affecting the functions of federal government in all emergency situations.

Becton also will serve as chief U.S. delegate to the NATO

Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee and chief delegate to

the NATO Civil Defense Committee.

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With OFDA, Becton headed the federal office charged with coordinating the provision of all U.S. assistance to foreign countries experiencing disasters.

During his Army career, Becton served in World War II,

Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the post of deputy

commanding general for training of the U.S. Army Training and

Doctrine Command and Army inspector for training. He holds

numerous combat and service decorations.

Becton earned a bachelor of science degree from Prairie

View A&M College in Texas and a master of arts degree from the

Institute for Defense Analysis in conjunction with the

University of Maryland.

He was born in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He is married and has five children.